

Washington, DC - This afternoon, Congressman Charles Gonzalez applauded the passage of two key pieces of legislation in the United States House of Representatives. Beginning with HR 1585, the FY 2008 Defense Authorization Bill, and following with S. Con. Res. 21, the FY 2008 Concurrent Budget Resolution, both bills represent a commitment to responsible spending policies that reflect the needs and priorities of all Americans.

Rep. Gonzalez (TX-20) issued the following statement on the passage of both bills:

"The policies of this administration have depleted our valuable military resources. However, by investing in key military resources at all levels, this year's Defense Authorization Bill will reverse this troubling trend of recent years. I'm proud that this bill focuses on our military's critical readiness needs to support our troops in the field, enable our nation to meet immediate military requirements, and preserve our ability to deter and respond to future threats. In addition, the provisions for Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) recommendations for FY 2008 will make sure that critical funds are available for projects in San Antonio to move forward," said Gonzalez on HR 1585.

"The passage of the FY08 Concurrent Budget Resolution symbolizes the return of fiscal sanity and responsibility in our government. The days of massive deficits and reckless spending are numbered, as this bill will put us on track to a balanced budget by 2012. At the same time, this budget properly reflects the needs and priorities of all Americans. It displays a commitment to programs that provide healthcare for children, educational opportunities for our youth, and economic security for our workforce - all of which are vital in ensuring that America is on track for prosperity in the 21st Century. Furthermore, the funding for domestic and international security measures will provide for an imperative level of safety and security in our country," said Gonzalez on the FY08 Concurrent Budget Resolution.

"Both bills represent a commitment to responsible spending policies that properly reflect our nation's needs and priorities, and I am proud to have been a part of their passage," he added.

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